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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PONAKALA ET. AL.

CPA of Application No.: 09/465,402

Filed: December 17, 1999

For: N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-1- α -
ASPARTYL]-L-PHENYLALANINE 1-
METHYL ESTER AS A SWEETENER IN
CHEWING GUM

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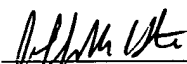
TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment and petition for extension of time in the above-referenced application.

Please deduct the \$400.00 extension fee and any additional fees from Deposit Account 14-1451.

Respectfully submitted,



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